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1. BELGRADE DAILY "POLITIKA" COMMENTS ON NATO SUMMIT IN JUNE 1 WASHINGTON DISPATCH 'AN ENDING WITH AGREEMENT, BUT NO FANFARE': "NOT A WORD WAS SAID ABOUT THE POINT WHICH SUDDENLY BECAME THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION -- AFRICA." FOLLOWING THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT, NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS HAD THE HONOR TO EXPLAIN THAT NATO HAS NO TASKS OUTSIDE EUROPE...
2. "BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT TOWARD THE END OF THE WASHINGTON MEETING A SLIGHT, PERHAPS MORE EVIDENT, LOWERING OF THE POLITICAL TEMPERATURE OCCURRED...
3. "THE ENGLISH, MEANWHILE, BREAKING THEIR TRADITION OF UNCHALLENGED CONCURRENCE WITH THE AMERICANS, SEEMED TO CONFIRM ONCE MORE THE AXIOM THAT THEY TEND TO INCREASE TENSIONS WITH MOSCOW WHENEVER TENSIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON ARE LOWER BUT THEY SUPPORT DETENTE MORE THAN OTHERS DO WHEN THE RISK OF A NEW FREEZE IN RELATIONS APPEARS..."

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4. MEANWHILE, "POLITIKA" EDITORIALIZES ON A SIMILAR THEME: "IT'S AN IRONY OF HISTORY THAT SERMONS FOR TWO DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE OBJECTIVES ARE DELIVERED AT THE SAME TIME IN TWO AMERICAN CITIES: IN NEW YORK - FOR DISARMAMENT, IN WASHINGTON -- FOR EVEN GREATER ARMAMENT... THESE TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT INTER-

NATIONAL GATHERINGS HAVE, IN FACT, SERVED AS 'THE SCENERY' BEHIND WHICH CONFIDENTIAL CONTACTS AND BIG POWER SIGNAL-TRADING CONTINUE -- AND IN NOT SO DISCRETE A MANNER...

5. "THE DATE (CHOSEN FOR THE NATO SUMMIT) DOESN'T SHOW DIPLOMATIC SUBTLETY EITHER...NOR DOES THE DRUM-BEATING TONE WHICH ANNOUNCED EVEN MORE MILITANT UNDERTAKINGS....THE BLOCS...CONTINUE, EVEN IN PUBLIC, TO PROPOSE INCREASINGLY RAPID ARMAMENT, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND, ON THE EAST RIVER, THEY PROMISE TO HELP DISARMAMENT, AND, OFF TO THE SIDE, IN BILATERAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, THEY CONDUCT MORE ARMS NEGOTIATIONS THAN EVER BEFORE...

6. "CARTER CALLED ON HIS ATLANTIC ALLIES TO ACCEPT THAT NATO NOT BE CONFINED TO EUROPE ONLY, MEANING TO ASSENT TO A KIND OF MILITARY INTERVENTION THAT ALREADY HAS BEEN EXERCISED IN ZAIRE AND IN SHABA.

7. "THE ATTEMPTED 'TRANSFER' OF THE ATLANTIC BLOC ONTO AFRICA IS...DISTURBING. UP TO LAST WEEK, CARTER WAS STILL GIVING ASSURANCES THAT THE USA DOESN'T INTEND TO GET MILITARILY INVOLVED IN AFRICA...IS THIS JUST AN 'ILLUSORY UNCLASSIFIED

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THREAT,' A KIND OF ATLANTIZATION OF AFRICA IN RESPONSE TO ITS 'CUBANIZATION,' OR IS THIS A PRETEXT TO INFORM THE OTHER SUPERPOWER DISCREETLY THAT THE MOMENT HAS COME FOR A NEW GET TOGETHER BETWEEN THE TWO? CATHERMAN

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